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## Planning Board Receives Farmland Survey

Thomas Cooney, a senior consultant of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, presented the Planning Board Thursday night with the initial findings of a study conducted by his office on the farmland situation in Agawam.

Since submitting the first draft to Board members Ronald Huot, Charles Calabrese, Robert Bergin and Harold Ellis at the packed March 2nd meeting in the Town Hall hearing room, the newly formed Agawam Citizens Together group (ACT) has taken an extreme interest in attaining a copy of the survey.

Cooney began conducting the survey upon the Planning Board's request a few months ago. Cooney's presentation included a statement which indicated a reluctance on some farmer's part to be interviewed because of a fear of reprisals from the Planning Board and other Town Officials.

According to Mrs. Audrey Dempsey, an active member of the group, Cooney advised her to ask the Planning Board to release the final report for public inspection. Mrs. Dempsey disclosed her conversation with Cooney at a March 4th meeting of ACT at the Valley Community Church.

The deadline for the finalized version of Cooney's survey is April 1. This falls four days before the Planning Board's scheduled public hearing on the Beltrandi request to rezone 255 acres of farmland off South West Street for a multi-million dollar business complex.

"I felt it to be unethical to disclose any information in the report to the public before the Planning Board had a chance to look at it," Cooney said.

"I think we would release the report within the next month," Bergin, a four-year member of the Board said. "We have not even had a chance to fully read and analyse it yet. Until we have the final draft I think it would be best not to release it."

Cooney is expected to brief Board members at least two more times in order to meet the deadline which was agreed upon by the local agency and the Regional Commission.

ACT members following the Planning Board session

labeled the survey informative and well assembled. They believe the Board should release all information in the survey immediately after its completion. This desire was reinforced by a unanimous vote from the approximately 90 residents who attended the Sunday afternoon assembly of ACT.

"I really could not comment on the report until I've had a chance to fully digest it," Mrs. Dempsey said. "I will say however that the Planning Board owes it to the public to release this report very soon."

Cooney, a very articulate and well-mannered speaker said that the most impressionable aspects of the study from this standpoint could be seen in a "negative light."

"There is a very real fear of the people we interviewed that the Planning Board would take repressive measures on them if they spoke to us. Many people did talk to us openly. One extreme example was one person said the town was '20 years to late' in trying to stop development of farmland."

Cooney also said just about everyone interviewed indicated anxiety when discussing Agawam's depletion of farmland over the years. "Almost to a person, they all agreed that development has been allowed to proceed almost willy-nilly without considering the impact on farmers."

"Whether that fear is real or imagined its a concern of mine that people will not talk openly with public officials because they are afraid of higher taxes on their land or re-zoning farmland," Cooney later told the Advertiser/News.

Board member Harold Ellis expressed concern over some of Cooney's findings. "I'd like to ask some questions about that report when he comes back with it," Ellis said. Ellis further stated he was surprised by the farmers fear of Town Officials. "I'm really not sure what the farmers are trying to say."

Ellis, a recent appointee of Town Manager Peter Caputo, was attending his first meeting as a full voting member. "It was quite an initiation for me," he said after recalling some of the

confusion that took place during the evening.

Cooney's presentation displayed a solid knowledge and insight into the plight of the local farmer. He told Board members the report was divided into three parts; a description of the historical perspective of Agawam farmland; extensive interviews with many Town farmers which included their anticipated future, the problems encountered in running their farms and the type of cooperation the farming community has received from municipal officials. The survey's third category will be an analysis of the Regional Commission's overall findings. "I had a lot of fun doing this report," Cooney related.

He began his presentation by stating that Agawam was the site of the first home west of Boston (1634) and that the country's first cattle drive went from Feeding Hills to Boston over three centuries ago.

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## ACT Group Opposes Developments

There is a new kid on the block.

They have held two well attended meetings and have made their only public appearance to date a strong one at a March 2 meeting of the Planning Board. Enthusiasm and plenty of attention has been generated by this coalition against the proposals of John Beltrandi, Frank Solitario and a group trying to bring a race track into Agawam.

The Agawam Citizens Together (ACT) is tabbed the latest response to the rash of developers who are attempting to rezone Agawam farmland into either housing or business districts.

At their second meeting, March 4th at the Valley Community Church, the coalition attempted to organize the different segments of Agawam. A united front that will put a lid on any development which, according to the membership, "would have adverse effects on the Town as a

whole," is the group's major objective.

Skeptics around Town wonder if this new group is not another in a long line of reactionary hordes of residents that quickly form for a common goal, but soon become lost in a mass of political wheeling and dealing. "It has happened before," one veteran politician pointed out to this newspaper.

According to Mrs. Audrey Dempsey, an instrumental factor in rounding up support for the coalition, this group will avoid a path of backroom politics and follow a course that sticks to the issues.

"We are not going to simply go away. We are not just out against Mr. Beltrandi and the race track. We are a group of people that is tired of spot zoning and living in an area which is easy pickings for developers. We all believe the time has come to be heard."

"We are not going to affiliate ourselves with any political group that could lead us down the wrong path," Mrs.

Dempsey said.

A February 18 meeting at the VFW Hall was the first official gathering of the group. About 100 residents turned out. Seen voicing their opinions at this meeting were a group fighting the Solitario Condominium project, a Silver Street based group opposing the race track, and another bevy of residents heated over the Beltrandi complex off South-West Street. Also present were a number of interested on-lookers who just wanted to see what was going on.

The large turnout of ACT membership at the Planning Board meeting last Thursday night served notice that this group was trying for legitimacy. The Beltrandi and Solitario proposals, slated for discussion among the Board and the developers at the meeting never came off. The March 4th meeting at the Valley Community Church issued further evidence that the group was organizing and

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## Chmielewski Named Coffee Day Chairman

Chief Henry Kulig and Sgt. John Chmura of Chicopee, general chairmen of the 1979 Massachusetts Easter Seal Society Coffee Day Campaign, announce with pleasure the support of the Agawam Police Department. Chief Stanley Chmielewski will serve as Acting Chairman for Agawam, and Sgt. Albert Longhi and Edward Borgatti will be co-chairmen.

Coffee Day is a two-week promotion in restaurants and coffee shops where buttons are sold by waitresses for \$1. On Coffee Day, which will be Friday, March 16, anyone wearing a button is entitled to a free cup of coffee from a participating restaurant.

Money raised from this program is used to support Easter Seal programs and services in Western Massachusetts. Since 1944, through social action, therapy (speech, physical, and occupational), recreation, swimming and camping, the Society has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with physical disabilities.

For further information, call Easter Seal Society, 380 Union Street, West Springfield at 734-6434.

*Part III of Gail Loncto's article on drug use and vandalism in the schools appears on page 9.*

*Part IV, to appear next week, will be entitled, 'Is there a solution?'*



Sgt. Albert Longhi of the Agawam Police Dept. with Alan Sawa of Chicopee. Alan is the Western Region 1979 Easter Seal Child.

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

March 6 - 13

## Wednesday

5:30 Special:  
THE GREAT CONSUMER  
RIP-OFF  
6:30 CRAZY MAMA (PG-1:20)  
8:00 Track and Field:  
USA vs USSR (Tape Delay)  
9:00 Special:  
THE GREAT CONSUMER  
RIP-OFF  
10:00 Special:  
DISCO BEAVER FROM  
OUTER SPACE  
11:00 THE SWISS CONSPIRACY  
(PG-1:31)

## Thursday

5:30 A PIECE OF THE ACTION  
(PG-2:15)  
8:00 SALTY (G-1:32)  
9:30 THE FURY (R-1:57)  
11:30 LEOPARD IN THE SNOW  
(PG-1:29)  
1:00 Special:  
EL GRANDE DE COCA COLA

## Friday

6:30 EAT MY DUST (PG-1:30)  
8:00 HARPER VALLEY P.T.A.  
(PG-1:42)  
10:00 Special:  
THE GREAT CONSUMER  
RIP-OFF  
11:00 PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN  
A ROW (R-1:32)  
12:30 Track and Field:  
USA vs USSR (Tape Delay)  
1:30 Special:  
DISCO BEAVER FROM  
OUTER SPACE

## Saturday

2:30 Special:  
CLARENCE DARROW  
4:00 SALTY (G-1:32)  
5:30 THE MOUSE AND  
HIS CHILD (G-1:23)  
7:00 Track and Field:  
USA vs USSR (Tape Delay)  
8:00 MADAME ROSA (R-1:45)  
10:00 ENABRYO (PG-1:44)  
12:00 LOOKING FOR  
MR. GOODBAR (R-2:15)

## Sunday

3:30 OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE  
(G-1:28)  
5:00 LEOPARD IN THE SNOW  
(PG-1:29)  
6:30 THE SWISS CONSPIRACY  
(PG-1:31)  
8:00 Standing Room Only:  
DOUBLE TALK: The Second  
Annual Adult Ventriloquism  
and Comedy Show  
9:30 CRAZY MAMA (PG-1:20)  
11:00 THE SWISS CONSPIRACY  
(PG-1:31)  
12:30 On Location:  
EL GRANDE DE COCA COLA

## Monday

5:30 FUNNY LADY (PG-2:18)  
8:00 Collegiate Gymnastics:  
NEBRASKA & OKLAHOMA  
AT IOWA STATE (Tape Delay)  
9:00 FUNNY LADY (PG-2:18)  
11:30 THE FURY (R-1:57)

## Tuesday

6:30 SALTY (G-1:32)  
8:00 HERE COME THE TIGERS  
(PG-1:30)  
9:30 HARPER VALLEY P.T.A.  
(PG-1:42)  
11:30 Special:  
THE GREAT CONSUMER  
RIP-OFF  
12:30 Special:  
DISCO BEAVER FROM  
OUTER SPACE

## VFW Sponsors Shriner's Party

The Agawam Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary 1632 sponsored their annual Shriners Children's Hospital party on Sunday, March 4th.

Members and friends participated in the event, which meant a great deal to the patients and everyone involved. Guest entertainers were the Music Campers directed by Mrs. Margaret Thompson. Mrs. Thompson also acted as M.C., assisted by David P. Thomson.

A talented group of youngsters gave of themselves for other youngsters. Each received the other with a smile and a generous amount of applause was given to the performers. Supper consisted of the ever popular pizza, ice cream and cookies.

The determination of these hospitalized youngsters is an inspiration to all.

## Garden Club To Meet

The Agawam Garden Club will open their 1979 season on March 13th at the Captain Charles Leonard House, main Street, Agawam. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for their month's meeting will be Helen Bates. Her subject will be "Feeding and Plantings for the Birds." Slides and commentary with questions and answer time will follow.

Helen Bates is a member and past president of the Allen Bird Club. She also writes a column each week for a Springfield newspaper called "Weekly Feeder Scrap." Mrs. Bates is the Western Voice of the National History Services of the Massachusetts Audubon Society whom she is employed. Mrs. Bates is associated with Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary of Hampden, Mass.

Those interested in helping to preserve our feathered friends are urged to attend.

## Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

### SR CTR MENU

3/5: Corned beef hash, carrot salad, apple cobbler  
3/6: Chicken croquettes, rice, mixed beans, cookies  
3/7: Meat patties, mashed potatoes, vegetables, custard  
3/8: Sweet Italian sausage, buttered noodles, tomatoes, pears  
3/9: Clam chowder, grilled cheese sandwich, spice cake

Fuel bills too high? The fuel subsidy program will start March 5th. Qualifications: INCOME: Single person maximum income \$3,925 annually and couples maximum income \$5,200 annually. Call the Center for more information if you qualify.

Did you miss the tax advisors? There will be one more chance; call for appointment.

Dr. Haynes will have the Foot Clinic Wednesday, March 7 and the foot nurses will be here March 15th.

Hypertension clinic for letters A-L only - March 6th.

## Free Blood Pressure Clinic

A free blood pressure clinic will held at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, March 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Memorial House auditorium. Area residents of all ages are invited to attend with no appointment necessary.

## Agawam Golden Agers

The Agawam Golden Age Club held its regular meeting on February 28 at the Senior Center, Wright Street. The club was entertained by Vera Conway and Rhea Duclos, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held on March 14. All Agawam Senior Citizens are welcome.

## WAABI Meeting Slated

Springfield Chapter of the Women's Association of Allied Beverage Industries meeting March 13th at the Ramada Inn, 1-291, Chicopee. The program will feature Mr. Ron Flynn and his "Entertaining with Cordials."

The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 7. Gentlemen and guests are invited.

For reservations, please call Evelyn Gabrielle or Marcy Lupien.

## Newcomers Club to Meet

The Agawam-West-Springfield Newcomers Club will hold their next meeting on March 7th at 8 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

A "Mystery Auction" will be the evening's entertainment. Club members and guests will be invited to partake in a mystery auction for surprise items. Chips will be provided for bidding purposes to avoid the need for money.

Newcomers invite all women to join them. For further information, call 786-7643 or 786-8532.

## Agawam Dems Caucus

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee will hold a caucus in the Agawam Town Hall Hearing Room on Saturday, March 24, 1979 at 2 p.m. to elect fourteen delegates to the May 19th Democratic State Charter Convention in Springfield.

## Eight Named to Dean's List

Eight students from Agawam presently attending American International College have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Attaining this honor from the School of Arts and Sciences were John P. Conroy of 780 Suffield Street and Peter Theodorowicz of 44 Silver Lake Drive.

Named from the School of Business Administration were Jacki Barden of 39 Day Street, Jean May Chlastawa of Belden Court, and Roger Proulx of 117 Brien Street.

Named from the School of Psychology and Education were Susan Baj of 108 Moore Street, Therese Hart of 111 High Street, and Beatrice Ortiz of 156 Suffield Street.

## Notre Dame Club to Meet

The Notre Dame Club of Springfield will have a short business meeting on Wednesday, March 7, at 8:00 p.m. at Valle's Steak House in Springfield.

The purpose of this meeting is to nominate and elect officers and to plan coming events.

The first of these events will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day parade, at which head football coach Dan Devine will receive the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day J.F. Kennedy Award.

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*Alfred G. Zanette*

Alfred G. Zanette

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Sincerely,

*Herb Goldner*

Herb Goldner

April 26, 1978

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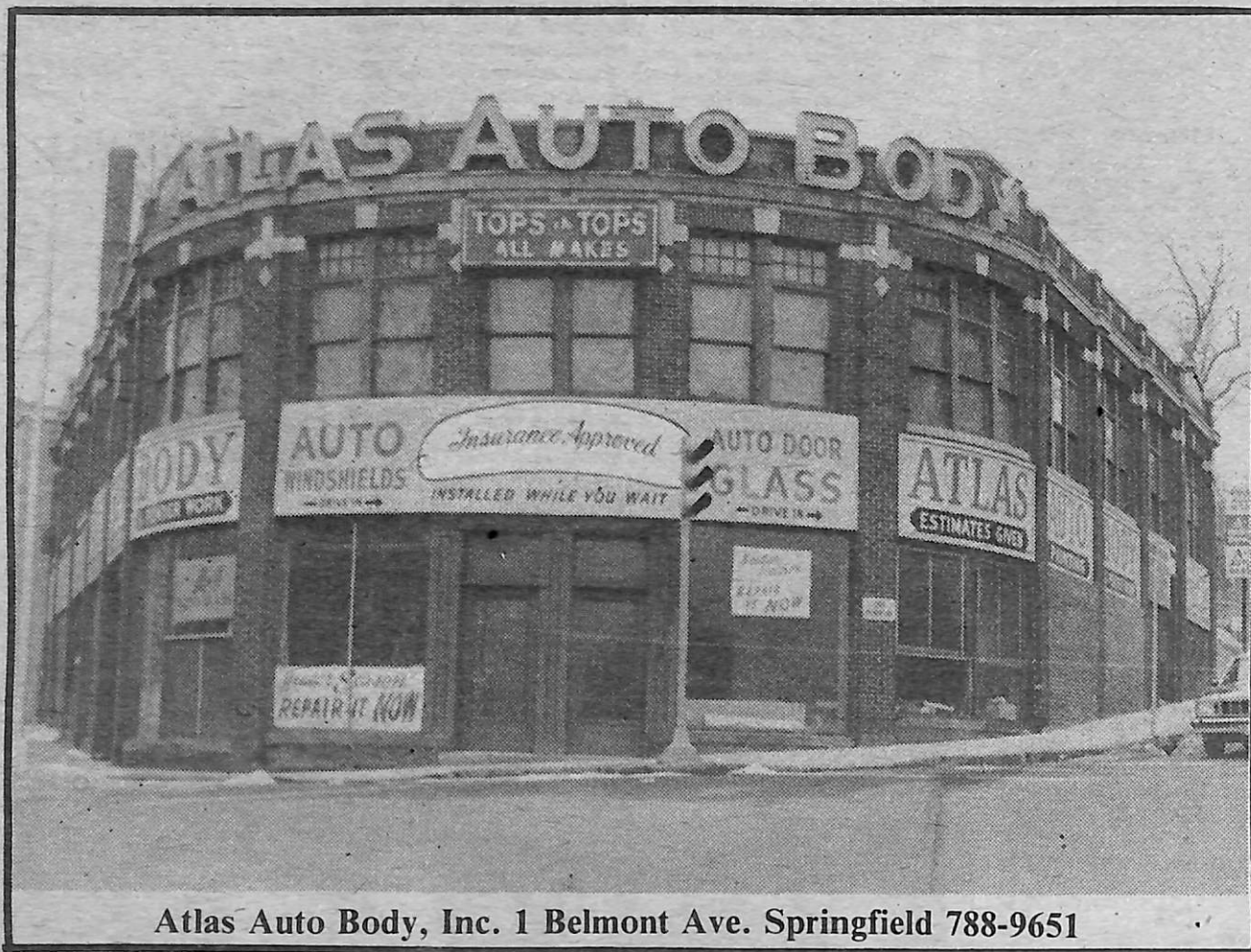
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*Mrs. Loran Hill*

Mrs. Loran Hill

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*Frank M. Lalli, Jr.*

Frank M. Lalli, Jr.

Oct. 2, 1978

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Owners Peter R. Mutti (left) and Sandra A. Mutti and their foreman John Poirier, all are from Agawam. Peter and Sandra are the parents of three children, Robert (13), Richard (11), and Kimberly Ann(7).

On this page are  
unsolicited letters  
from a few of our  
many satisfied  
customers.

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Thanks again.  
Sincerely,

*June M. Whitney*

June M. Whitney

April 13, 1978

John Poirier  
Atlas Auto Body, Inc.  
1 Belmont Ave.  
Springfield, Ma. 01108

Dear John,

My Toyota is running like new & looks just great. Thanks for all your time & consideration. I hope I won't be back for a long time, but if needed I'm glad to know you're there.

Enclosed is a bill which I paid to have a motor mount replaced. It was overlooked when the car was repaired & because of it there was excessive vibration. When I brought the car in for its 7500 mile check they found it. I didn't send it in earlier as I don't know if I was going to have to also pay for a clock-it was under warrantee. Would you put in a supplemental bill to the insurance company so I can get reimbursed \$31.33.

*Robert S. Gerstle*

Robert S. Gerstle, M. D.

2-7-79

Atlas Auto Body  
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I'd like to thank you for the excellent service that you provided in repairing our 1973 Volk.

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You can be certain that we'll return to you if the need arises and will recommend your company to others who may need your services.

Sincerely,

*David W. Douglas*

David W. Douglas  
11 Yorktown Dr.  
Springfield, Mass.

May 28, 1978



# Social

## Mary E. Guevin Engaged to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Vinette of 38 Euclid Avenue, Pittsfield, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Guevin, to Mark Paul Bergeron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Bergeron of 53 Sixth Avenue, Lowell, Mass.

Miss Guevin, daughter of the late William J. Guevin, of Agawam, Mass., graduated

from Taconic High School. She attended Berkshire Community College and now is a student at Chamberlyn Junior College, Boston.

Mr. Bergeron is employed by Bay Builders in Boston. He is graduated from Lowell Regional Vocational Technical Institute.

The wedding will take place on June 30th at St. Mark's Church, Pittsfield, Mass.

## Merriweds Present Americana Showcase

The Merriweds of the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, will present their 12th annual Americana Showcase on Saturday, March 31, from 10 to 4.

Craftsmen who have proven to be favorites will be returning, and you will also be

introduced to new crafts and new faces. In one booth, Attic Treasures will be available, and home-baked goods may be purchased in another.

Luncheons will be served in the dining area so you can prepare to spend the day at the Americana Showcase.

## St. Anthony's Holy Name Society to Meet

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church will receive corporate communion on Saturday, March 10 at the 6:30 p.m. mass with refreshments to follow in the church hall for members and their families.

The meeting of this organization will be Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall. The program will consist of a film being presented of famous Italian-

Americans beginning with Columbus and continuing to the present.

Holy Rosary Society members and all other parishoners, especially those of high school age, are invited to attend. Tom Franco, president of the Greater Springfield Italian Societies, will show the film and refreshments will be served.

## Ham and Bean Supper Slated

A family style Ham and Bean Supper with everything cooked by the Mr. and Mrs. Club will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Agawam Baptist Church. Serving times will be at 5 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will consist of

baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee, tea, or milk. Tickets will be \$3.25 for adults and \$1 for children under 10.

For reservations, please call 786-7410 or 786-1977.



Mary Elizabeth Guevin

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Cub Scouts of Pack 75, Polish American Club, Feeding Hills recently held their first Blue and Gold banquet. The Pack, which was formed three months ago solicits new members from the Feeding Hills area. Any boy interested in joining should call the Cub Master, Lou Guevin, at 786-7747 and day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The boys, pictured from left to right are, first row, Ricky Brown, Kevin Phillips, Michael Dorval, Peter Souders, Rick White, Billy Duncan, Frank Camarotti, and John Benjamin. Second row, same order: Eddie White, Jeff Guevin, Sean Earnest, Larry Eldridge, John Welch, David Kopy, Chris Brettman, Town Sawyer, and Steve Bassoni. Absent when picture was taken were: Jamie Cassidy, John Bara, Andrew Lech, Frank Houghton, David Jurkowski and Jeff Eades. photo by Jack Devine.

## A Boy for the Titcomb's

## Over 40 Club Luncheons

Announcement has been made of the birth on January 30, 1979, of a son, Christopher Eric, to Neil and Carol Titcomb of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Maternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heyl of Federal Street, Agawam.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Betty Titcomb of Raymond Circle, Agawam.

The Over 40 Club of Feeding Hills announces their program for March. On March seventh, lunch will be chicken a la king followed by a Bingo game. Everyone is asked to bring a 'white elephant' or an item of canned goods.

On March 21, corned beef and cabbage will be served. Speaker will be Mr. Bread Man. Reservations are needed for either lunch, and can be made by calling 786-5061.

Both luncheons will be served at noon, but participants are urged to arrive early for a game of pool or pingpong. The Over 40 Club also exchanges newspaper and company coupons, so clip them and bring them with you. Campbell soup labels are also being collected for use by Indian children.

Couples or singles are welcome to attend the luncheons - especially those from the Feeding Hills area. If you need transportation to lunch, call 786-5061 and arrangements will be made.

The Club is happy to welcome back Rev. Bill after his hospital stay.

## New England's Center

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## Agawam High Color Guard to Compete

The Agawam High School Winter Color Guard will be competing as a member of the Colonial Color Guard Circuit for the first time this year. The competition color guard circuit provides an activity program for members of band and drum corps color guards during the off-season part of the year.

Twenty-one selected members of the AHS color guard have been working on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings since the beginning of the new year on a special routine for their contest performances. Special uniforms have been obtained, and the unit will use the nickname "Horizon" for their contest appearances.

The unit's first contest will be at Chicopee Comp on Sunday, March 11. Other contests will find them at Bloomfield, Conn., on Saturday, March 17, in Springfield at an event sponsored by the Coachmen Drum Corps on Saturday, April 7, in Springfield at an event sponsored by St. George's on Sunday, April 8, and at Westover on Sunday, April 22.

The Agawam Band and Color Guard will host a contest at the high school gym on Sunday afternoon, March 25, which will see some 10-12

color guards competing for awards and also exhibitors by the Agawam Band and full Color Guard as well as our competing color guard.

Drill instructors for the Color Guard are Debbie and Frank Tully, seniors at UMASS who have extensive experience in color guard work and drill with groups in the Boston area.

The Winter Competing Guard group is composed of a 3-person American flag section, 4 sabers, 6 rifles, and 8 flags. Captains are Leslie Delisle (saber), Ann Napoli (rifle), and Karen Nascombini (flag).

Other members include the following: sabers: Donna Ouelette, Sharon Stefanik, and Patty Graves; rifles: Patti Smith, Marsha Bessette, Marie LaFrancis, Ann Mercadante, and Kathy Raimondi; flags: Karen Duggan, Dina Gatti, Debbie Macy, Laurie Olson, Lynn Rossi, Pam Viens, and Debbie Whittle; American flag section: Jeanette Perusse, Carol Doucette, and Mary Steele.

The group made their first appearance at the Agawam-West Springfield basketball game and is looking forward to a good turnout at their home contest on March 25.

## Project K.I.D.S. Will be Explained

Is your child going to attend kindergarten next Fall?

The Kindergarten Screening Team will discuss Project K.I.D.S. (Kindergarten Individual-Discovery-Screening) at special information evenings for parents of children entering kindergarten in September, 1979. These meetings have been scheduled at Clifford Granger School on Tuesday, March 20th and at James Clark School on Thursday, March 22, both at 7:30 p.m.

Developmental screening of each child will be part of the registration process for

entering Kindergarteners. Team members will discuss the purpose of developmental screening, the process itself and follow-up procedures.

A School Nurse will review the medical components of the registration packet most parents have already received and discuss physical examination requirements, medication in school and school health records.

All parents of entering kindergarten children are urged to attend either of these meetings and bring questions with them.

## Distributive Ed Students Attend Conference

Eleven distributive education juniors and seniors from Agawam High School attended the District and Regional Career Development conference at the Marriott Inn, Springfield, recently.

The day-long conference brought together 125 students from six Western Massachusetts high schools to compete in seven areas of retailing and distribution.

Each student took two tests, one oral and one written, for each event. Those students placing among the

top four for each category will move to the state career and development conference on March 18, which will take place in Danvers, Mass.

The Agawam High School students who will take part in the state conference are as follows: Donna Desmarais, who placed first in the food marketing contest; Barbara Atwater, who placed third in advertising services; Charlene Ciak, who placed fourth in finance and credit; and Caroline Hopkins, who placed fourth in general merchandising.

## School Lunch Menus

**Wednesday, March 7:** Steamed frankfort in roll, mustard & relish, oven french fries, buttered 7-minute cabbage, chocolate cake w/ vanilla icing, milk.

**Thursday, March 8:** Oven roasted turkey w/ rice stuffing, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, whole wheat bread & butter, cherry jello w/ whip topping, milk.

**Friday, March 9:** Orange juice, filet of haddock sandwich, oven baked beans, buttered niblet corn, tartar sauce or ketchup, ice cream cup, milk.

**Monday, March 12:** Tomato Macaroni Soup, grilled cheese sandwich w/ pickle chips, diced buttered carrots, peaches in syrup, milk. Jr. and Senior High substitute cold cut grinder for grilled cheese sandwich.

**Tuesday, March 13:** Apple juice, pizza w/ cheese and hamburger topping, tossed salad w/ shredded carrots and french dressing, chocolate pudding w/ whip topping, milk.

**Wednesday, March 14:** Barbeque beef in bun, oven baked potato rounds, buttered green beans, sweet potato cake w/ vanilla icing, milk.

**Thursday, March 15:** Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, rye bread and butter, ice cream cup, milk.

**Friday, March 16:** Grape juice, baked hamubrg and macaroni in spaghetti sauce, buttered niblet corn, garlic bread and butter, orange jello w/ whip topping, milk.

### Southwick Menu

**Wed., March 7:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, buttered carrots, garden green salad w/ dressing, French bread w/ butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

**Thurs., March 8:** Roast turkey w/ brown gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered peas, bread & butter, cranberry crunch, milk.

**Fri., March 9:** Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, chef's salad w/ dressing, bread & butter, oatmeal cookies, milk.

**Mon., March 12:** Chicken salad on roll w/ lettuce, buttered corn, chilled applesauce, nut cup, milk.

**Tues., March 13:** No School.

**Wed., March 14:** Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, potato rounds w/ catsup, tossed salad w/ dressing, chocolate cake w/ white icing, milk.

**Thurs., March 15:** Homemade beef stew, cheese cubes, bread & butter or saltines, jello w/ fruit & topping, milk.

**Fri., March 16:** Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato rice soup, potato chips, chilled peaches, milk.

## SPAN Center Offering Youth Program

The SPAN Center is now offering a youth program. Any Agawam person between the ages of 14-18 are welcome. The scope of the group is to help build mutual support and self discovery. Areas to be dealt with are based upon the responses of the groups participants: peer relations, drugs, school, jobs, families

are some possible topics. The group is to be a relaxed, unhassled atmosphere where one can come and talk with other peers about common issues and interests. The SPAN Center is located at 770 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. For more information about the group, please come by or call 786-6410.

## Carolyn Pacewicz Named to Dean's List

Carolyn J. Pacewicz of Feeding Hills, has been named to the dean's list at Nichols College, for the first semester of the 1978-79 academic year.

A freshman at Nichols she is a member of the cheerleading team, and is a graduate of Agawam High School.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pacewicz of 16 Red Oaks Circle, Feeding Hills.

## Celeste DiPietro Vacations in Bahamas

Celeste Regina DiPietro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DiPietro of Agawam, is vacationing in Nassau, the Bahamas, during a recess from classes at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Miss DiPietro, a senior at the college, was accompanied by a classmate, Andrea Alfano of Suffield, Connecticut. Both are graduates of MacDuffie School for Girls.

## Local People Graduate from W.N.E.C.

Eighty Western New England College day and evening division students including three from Feeding Hills have received their degrees in February, according to College President Richard F. Gottier.

From Feeding Hills was Steven A. Farnsworth of 265 North West Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn Farnsworth. He graduated Cum Laude with a BSBA degree in finance.

Also from Feeding Hills was Robert A. Robinson of 123 Main Street, who earned a BSBA degree in management.

Also graduating was Louis A. Innarelli of 126 Henderson Drive, the son of Cosimo and Lena Innarelli of 97 Sherwood Road, Springfield. He earned a MBA degree, having previously earned a BSBA in 1969 at Western New England College. He is currently employed as a Senior Production Control Analyst at Combustion Engineering.

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Pictured above with the Mystery Sleuth are several officers of the Connecticut River Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society: (left to right) Scott Murphy, Vice Chairman from Wethersfield, Conn.; Mrs. Judy Riege, Chairman of the Patient Services Committee from Bloomfield, Conn.; and Neil Blatt, Chapter Secretary from Agawam.

## MS READ-a-thon Begins This Week

At a recent meeting of the National Multiple Sclerosis Connecticut River Valley Chapter, the famous MS READ-a-thon blood hound appeared. The Mystery Sleuth is the well-known MS character who stimulates kids to read books, raise money and help others in the fight against MS. He thanked local

chapter members for their 1978 efforts in which 4560 children read over 47,800 books and raised \$50,739 in the chapter's six-county area. Multiple Sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system which with closely related disorders, afflicts an estimated 500,000 Americans. It usually strikes persons

between the ages of 20 and 40 at the time of life when most people are moving ahead with their lives.

The Spring '79 READ-a-thon begins this week in schools all over Hampden County... So Sleuths, HAPPY READING.

## Laughing Brook Seeks Volunteers

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is now accepting applications for men and women interested in being voluntary sanctuary guides.

Volunteers will lead visiting school children on exciting morning and afternoon tours of the sanctuary that is the former home of children's author Thornton W Burgess.

Experience is not required, only a desire to work with children and animals. A 3-hour per week minimum commitment is asked in addition to a 3-session training workshop. The first workshop is Thursday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Laughing Brook is currently involved in a \$460,000 capital funds drive to finance new construction and develop an environmental education program at the sanctuary. This is an excellent time to become involved in the future plans at the sanctuary. For more information call Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.

## Agawam Woman Helps Plan All-Woman Art Show

Renate Kostka of Agawam is part of a seven member committee planning the Fifth Annual Springfield YWCA Women's Art Show to be held Sunday, April 29 to Friday, May 11 at 1373 Main Street, Springfield, next to Johnson's Bookstore. Women artists and photographers from throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut are invited to participate. The show will be juried to insure a high level of professionalism. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in the following categories: oil and acrylic; graphics and drawing; watercolors; pastels; mixed media; and photography. In addition, a "Best of Show" award will be determined by vote of those attending the

show. In 1978, 107 works were chosen for exhibit out of 154 entries.

At least twenty-five artists from this show will be invited to participate in the Third Western New England College Invitational in October by their selection committee.

YW members may enter one painting or photograph for \$3 or two for \$5. Non-members may enter one for \$6 or two for \$8. Entry forms and detailed instructions may be picked up at the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street, Springfield, or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope ATTN: Art Show. Entry deadline is Saturday, April 14.

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hoping to chart a course for future direction.

Town Council members Paul Fieldstad, Dennis Roberts, and John McNamara were present on this Sunday afternoon. Fieldstad has already taken a strong stance against the race track while McNamara has made no secret of his disapproval of the Beltrandi business complex that would re-zone 255 acres of farmland not far from his home on Elmar Drive.

Moderators for the meeting were Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. Shirley Kibbe, a Doane Avenue resident that is vehemently anti-race track, and Mr. Harry Minet, a business man.

Minet asked the assembly of approximately 80 residents to approve the formation of a steering committee that would direct the organizational movements of ACT. Two representatives from each precinct would comprise the committee. An overall chairman will be elected from the steering committee's membership.

"They would be responsible for gathering information, informing the membership and public of the issues, and just organizing all operations of ACT," Minet said. Minet's proposal received favorable response. At press time, membership for the steering committee was being ironed out.

Perry emphasized to the gathering that attention spans should be focused primarily on the heavy projects that are putting what he termed "heavy burdens on the taxpayers." "There's just no end to it," he added, in reference to his approval of local development.

Reverend Frank Dunn, a

long time political activist in Agawam, tagged ACT as a "great thing for the town." He said his congregation had unanimously voted against the race track proposal during a service at the Valley Community Church earlier in the day.

Apparently at this point in time, ACT is directing its activity towards the March 19th meeting of the Town Council where the race track will be discussed. Fieldstad suggested the group take advantage of the next two weeks to inform individual councilors of their displeasure over a race track coming into the town.

A motion by Mrs. Richard J. Curry for the removal of the Beltrandi blueprints which are currently on display in the Town Hall Hearing Room was met with praise. "I find it very offensive for the Beltrandi plan to be on public display in the Town Hall," she said. Its like advertising private enterprise on public property," Fieldstad told the group he had informed the Manager Peter Caputo at a meeting on Saturday that a number of residents were upset about the blueprints being showcased. Fieldstad said he would bring this up again at the Council meeting Monday, March 5.

Although ACT is still in its growing stages, the impact which it could level on town politics may be a telling factor on a number of burning issues. According to Mrs. Dempsey, any town resident is eligible for the coalition, and she emphasized the need for more participation.

## Ruth Zucco Named Cancer Crusade Chairman for Agawam

Ruth E. Zucco of Anthony Street, Agawam, will serve as 1979 Cancer Crusade chairman for Agawam.

Mrs. Zucco was appointed by the state crusade chairman, former governor Francis Sargent. She has served the town for the past 12 years as crusade chairman and as a member of the board of directors of the American Cancer Society.

"The citizens of the commonwealth are hoping to reach a goal of \$2,503,000 this year. With Mrs. Zucco serving as she has in the past at the grass-roots level, I know we will do even better,"

stated Sergeant.

Mrs. Zucco is urging residents to join in the crusade by becoming a volunteer and by giving as the townspeople have in the past.

She said, "We want to help the patient and their family to cope with cancer. Some people think that the Cancer society is only concerned with one area, but this is not true. There are clinics for cancer detection, loan closets of sickroom supplies, and much more for the cancer patient. The contributions are put to good use som open your door as well as your heart to the volunteer."

Mrs. Zucco is an instructor at the Hampden District Regional Skills Center. She also serves Agawam as a member of the Consumer Advisory Commission and has served the town in many other civic committees and organizations for the past 25 years.

Serving with Ruth Zucco on her committee are the following:

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Special gifts chairman: State Rep. Edward Connelly  
Business chairman: David Stobiel  
Club chairman: Richard Charney

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## MS Patients to Meet

Individuals with multiple sclerosis will meet to hear an informal presentation on Bolivia on Thursday, March 22, at the Westfield Boys Club. Sue Hershey, recreation coordinator for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Connecticut River Valley Chapter, will discuss her travels in Bolivia.

MS is a chronic disease of the central nervous system interrupting messages from the brain to the body. Once a month, MS patients gather to rap and to help one another in dealing with this malady through various social and recreational activities.

This is the first meeting of the MS Society in Westfield, and the public is invited to attend.

The Agawam Community Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 14, at the VFW hall on South Street at 7:30 p.m.

The Agawam Community Federal Credit Union was formed two years ago by a group of Agawam citizens who felt that many townspeople would like to belong to a credit union, but were not eligible to join those that were available. The

A.C.F.C.U. charter stipulates that anyone who lives or works in the town of Agawam is eligible for membership.

The A.C.F.C.U. is operated by a board of directors, a credit committee, and a supervisory committee. These committees are made up of members who volunteer their services. Anyone who is interested in promoting the A.C.F.C.U. is urged to attend the annual meeting or to stop in at the credit union office at 381 Walnut Street Ext. between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

At the end of the first year

of operation, the credit union had over 100 members and assets of over \$90,000. After two years, there are now over 200 members and approximately \$150,000 in assets.

For the benefit of its members, the credit union also offers Certificates of Deposit, I.R.T. accounts, travelers checks, money orders, and payroll deduction for any business located in Agawam. Life Savings insurance is provided for a savings account at no cost to the member.

A credit union is operated for the benefit of its members

and is owned and controlled by those members. Remember the date for the annual meeting - March 14, 7:30 p.m. at the VFW hall, South Street.

Any of the following may be contacted for further information: Richard Morassi, president; William Quinn, vice president; Edythe Chiba, secretary; Richard Orr, treasurer; Jane Barrientos, director; Madeline Bitgood, director; Alan Ferrigno, director; Norman McMahon, director; or Raymond Wright, director.

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The two year Agawam resident also told Board members the number one environmental problem facing America today, according to the Federal government, is the steady loss of farmlands.

"This area is a prime example. In 1950 Agawam was still a farming community for the most part. But the number of people coming into the rural area's from cities was at an incredible rate. Agawam has experienced a 149% growth since 1950," Cooney explained."

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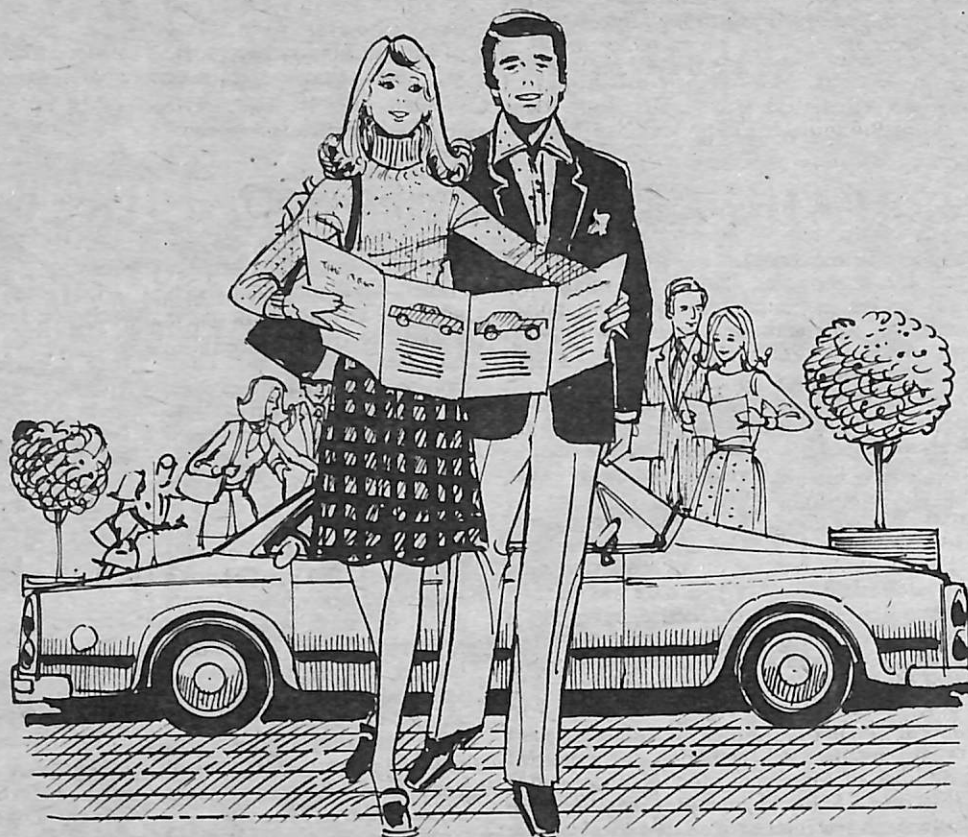
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# Editorials

## An Evening with the Planning Board

If last Thursday evening is any indication of things to come, the Agawam Planning Board's days of quiet, leisurely meetings may not return for a very long time.

It did not take an astute political observer to realize something big was in the works. Wall to wall people lined the compact Town Hall Hearing Room, the place where the old Selectmen form of government had its hey-day. The stariwell and hallway outside the tiny chamber resembled a New York subway at 5 p.m. T.V. camera's and representatives from the fourth estate weaved their way through the crowd on fact finding excursions that would help meet upcoming deadlines.

The emergence of John Beltrandi, a local developer to the scene instantly sent mixed murmurs through the estimated 75 residents in attendance. Make no mistake about it, Beltrandi was the main attraction and the reason so many residents turned out.

A few weeks ago, Beltrandi and co-developer Leon Charkoudian, petitioned the Town Council to rezone 255 acres of farmland off South West Street in Feeding Hills for a "self-contained" village. Cost for the project looms near the \$5 million mark. Pheasant Hill Village, a housing project in the same vicinity put up by the same developers looks like a sand box compared to this proposal.

Blueprints call for a shopping mall, hotel, corporate office, a medical center, condominiums and two movie theaters. The proposal was seemingly greeted with open arms by Town Manager Peter Caputo and Council President Richard Theroux.

Henceforth, the issue shook town politics from a year's sleep in the deep. A growing number of residents are kicking their heels in disgust over the project. Some veteran observers maintain the town is in for a long and messy battle over this issue in the next few months.

At this March 2nd meeting of the Planning Board, Beltrandi was to review the proposal with Board members, and then a date for a public hearing on his requested zone change would be established. An April 5th date was set for a public hearing, but Beltrandi and the Board never got a chance to review his latest venture...the developer apparently decided the charged atmosphere at the meeting merited a delay of his presentation to the Board.

Sentiments were indeed running high in opposition to Beltrandi's proposal. A newly formed anti-development group call the 'Agawam Citizens Together' made up most of the gallery. A number of municipal officials, a councilor from Feeding Hills and a School Committee member were spotted in the hallway. A few interested on lookers also were in attendance.

While the initial agenda items were taken of, the crowd continued to swell. A person seated in the back asked Board Chairman Ronald Hout to move the meeting to the neighboring Middle School Cafeteria. After brief consultation with Board members Robert Bergin, Charles Calabrese and Harold Ellis, Huot told the crowd that since this was not a public hearing, and that Beltrandi would not be making a formal presentation, the meeting could not reconvene in the cafeteria.

Residents instantly became angry. Mrs. Audrey Dempsey, spokesman for the Citizen's advocate group, said she and her group were present to "learn and observe." "I think the Planning Board made a big mistake in not moving it to the cafeteria so all these people could get a chance to hear what was going on," she continued.

Ten minutes of confusion followed. Huot asked Beltrandi to approach the committee so he could make his presentation. Beltrandi failed to step forward. The Board then announced the public hearing date. Bergin read all the articles pertaining to the Business B Zone which Beltrandi is seeking.

"Prior to the public hearing, the Planning Board will seek as much information as possible from other agencies in Town and then hopefully we can find exactly what impact the proposal will have on Agawam," Bergin said.

Once the Beltrandi issue was officially completed by the Board, many residents privately discussed the proposal, while others voiced their displeasure of Hout for not moving the meeting to larger facilities.

"We were very disappointed that Beltrandi did not speak and that the Board refused to move the meeting to the cafeteria," one resident told the Advertiser/News. "When we used to have meetings we had real meetings," an elder member of the gathering said. "We would have rooms so full of people anything could happen."

Planning Board members appeared somewhat befuddled by the evenings events. Bergin and Hout said the Board stills knows very little about Beltrandi's proposal. Harold Ellis, a recent appointee of Caputo's, expressed "disappointment" the matter was not discussed with Beltrandi.

"With all the people here, it was a disadvantage to us. On my own part I won't be quite as prepared as I could have been for the public hearing. I wish Mr. Beltrandi had presented his proposal tonight," Ellis related.

Bergin emphasized the Planning Board's role in the matter as being advisory to the Council. "The Council makes the final decision. It could be the end of April before we make a recommendation to them."

The meeting left many with a bad taste in their mouth. Despite an opportunity to glance at the blueprints on display. A mystery remains about the hard core impacts the complex will have on Agawam. Most individuals in the room seemed to orchestrate judgements based on hearsay or personal bias.

However, a few points ring loud and clear in post meeting analysis: (1) The Planning Board, Council and Town Administration will come under close surveillance in the coming weeks. (2) Facts and figures will explode from every direction prior to the April 5 public hearing; (3) A growing anxiety among some Town residents has stimulated another formation of an advocate group that is gearing itself for warfare against this project and other proposed developments. The next two months should prove very interesting indeed.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the Editor:

Recently, in a Springfield newspaper, a reporter wrote an article on fan violence and stressed how fans were rude to officials at hockey games. He said fans threw debris at officials when they were leaving the ice surface after a game. The apparently only spoke to referees and officials when gathering facts for his article.

In a recent game between eight and ten year olds, the "fans" were mostly parents who had boys playing in the game. The reporter said that fans were violent, but I say that with the quality or lack of it - in AHAUS officiating, parents have the right to yell at the officials.

Referees in AHAUS hockey games are the cause of many injuries on the ice. They do not call penalties on rule infractions that may hurt a child very seriously. Parents must sit and watch their children being slammed, banged, and in some instances whacked at with sticks while an official stands idly by - not doing his job. Hockey is a very physical sport, and the lack of good refereeing can cause serious injury.

At one game I attended recently, the goalie stopped the puck and fell on it, the officials waited to blow the whistle until the opposing team slammed and banged at him. He was out on the ice when the whistle finally blew; and they were still attacking him. When the coach questioned the officials on their action - or should I say inaction - they refused to answer.

In another game, a nine year old goalie's thigh pad fell off. The goalie told the official who should have stopped the game so that the goalie could go to his bench and have it repaired. The official would not let the boy leave the ice and he played the entire game without that pad. If a player had skated into this goalie, as is often the case, his leg could have been sliced open by a skate.

In another recent incident, an official sent a player to the penalty box and the team skated one man short. At the end of the game, the referee notified the boy's coach that he had suspended the boy for kicking. When a player is suspended, he is asked to go to his dressing room and his team is not penalized by having a man in the penalty box. Why did the game official wait until the game was over and the team played one man short to announce his decision to suspend the player?

In the last case I mentioned, the coach of the penalized team was placed on suspension after an exchange of words between the coach and the officials. The official was not suspended for the remarks he made to the coach, but the coach was suspended. In this same game, a parent commented to an official that he was lucky none of the boys got hurt in the game (since very few penalties were called and it was an exceptionally 'rough' game). The official said to her, "shut your mouth lady and mind your own business." Since her child was

on the ice, I consider it to be her business. Also, if an official can talk to a fan like this, why can't a fan, parent or coach say what they feel?

Everytime an Agawam team sets foot on that ice surface, they are already two goals behind. There are a few good officials in the Association that call it like it is, but unfortunately they are in the minority. What is good for one should be good for another, however many AHAUS referees don't feel this way.

Lets hope that no boy gets seriously injured because of poor officiating. So, when they say that the fans are violent, it is true - the officials make them that way - they have no alternatives. These officials get good money to do their job - so when are they going to start.

L. Bouchard  
Agawam

### An Open Letter to the ACT Organization

The idea of the newly formed ACT (Agawam Citizens Together) Organization is very much needed in our town - as long as their order of business is not to keep industry and business out of Agawam. At your meeting on Sunday, March 4th, I left with the distinct impression that almost anything proposed for our town would be objectionable to your organization.

Your basic idea affords you a wonderful opportunity to do something constructive for Agawam, keeping in mind that we are *not* Longmeadow and we definitely need tax relief.

I, also, strongly object to the race track but I certainly want to hear and study all there is to know about the proposed Village in Feeding Hills. It would be illogical to condemn this without first studying the impact it would have in Agawam.

I wish you much luck and hope you truly keep the whole of Agawam and not just your own neighborhoods in mind.

### Heavily Burdened Taxpayer

## Harold Ellis Appointed to Planning Board

Harold Ellis of 38 Barn Road, Agawam, was recently sworn in as a member of the Agawam Planning Board.

A graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, Ellis is employed as a Facilities Design Engineer for GenRad Inc., Concord, Mass. Ellis owns and operates Ellis Engineering and Design Services of Agawam.

Ellis' two year appointment to the five person Board is effective immediately.

Below is a list of members of the Agawam Town Council, their addresses and their telephone numbers. This list is published as a public service by this newspaper for use by the citizens of Agawam.

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## Agawam Town Hall Bulletin Board

### Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals will hold hearings in the Hearing Room of the Town Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

### School Committee

The Agawam School Committee will hold a special meeting in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills (Agawam Junior High) on Tuesday, March 6, 1979 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this special meeting will be to discuss the vote on the final plans for the high school building addition, transportation I.D. cards, and the fiscal year 79-80 budget.

### Conservation Commission

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, March 8, 1979, in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building.

### Board of Health

The Agawam Board of Health will meet on Thursday evening, March 8, 1979, at 7:45 p.m. in the Health Department Office, town hall. Councilor Fred Serra and residents of Valentine will appear before the Board to discuss recent water problems on the street.

### Conservation Commission Public Hearing

Pursuant to the Provisions of General Law, Chapter 131: Section 40, the Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at The Town Administration Building hearing room, on March 8, 1979, at 7:30 p.m.

This hearing is called to act on a Letter of Intent submitted by the Town of Agawam, 36 Main Street, Agawam, to perform work under the name of Town of Agawam at Clark School Drain Outlet.



Being sworn in as a member of the Planning Board by Town Clerk Edward Caba, left, is Harold Ellis. photo by Jack Devine.



# Vandalism: Blighting Agawam, Burdening Taxpayers

by Gail Loncto

One of the most widespread problems facing each of us everyday is the senseless destruction of public and private property: VANDALISM. Cities and towns all over the United States are plagued with this problem and Agawam is no exception. Vandalism is costing the taxpayers in Agawam thousands of dollars each year. Schools, parks, and public buildings are all prey to this senseless, wanton destruction of property.

Schools are a prime target for vandalism, both while in session and while closed.

Agawam High School has had to close all but a few necessary mens and ladies rooms to help curb internal vandalism. The lavatories that are open have soap and paper towel dispensers torn off the walls, paper and cigarette butts stuffed in the

toilets and sinks, doors and walls are marked and gouged, periodically windows are broken and fires are started in the wastebaskets. Paper towels and toilet paper are rationed in the mens and ladies room, and the toilet paper is hung on a wire because the dispenser are ripped off the walls as quickly as they are replaced.

According to David Theodorowicz, high school principal, a door in the men's room was recently refinished. The same day the door was hung, a student was caught gouging the newly refinished door with a metal object. In this instance the vandal was caught, but in most cases the vandalism is not detected until the person responsible is "long-gone". Periodic cyclist playing "moto-cross" tear up the ball fields and grass turf.

Many other schools in town

have similar problems with vandalism. The Middle School has had its ball fields torn up, fences smashed, trash dumped, and occasional fires in the school dumpster.

Danahy School has had its windows broken, doors smashed and screens cut. Outside walls have been spattered with paint, and surrounding fences damaged. Periodic breaks in the school after closing have resulted in loss of or damaged property.

Granger School is plagued with smashed windows, damaged sports fields, broken fences, and at least one fire this year which occurred in the doorway in the rear of the school.

A large portion of vandalism on the school grounds and the exterior of

the school buildings occur at night after the schools are closed. Most of the internal damages in the school buildings occur while school is in session, in areas that are not regularly supervised.

Parks and public buildings in town are regularly vandalized. Smashed picnic tables and fireplaces, graffiti and splattered paint on park buildings and signs, broken doors and windows, destroyed and damaged playing fields, dumped trash, and periodic fires occur year round, all costing the taxpayers precious tax-dollars.

Youth between the ages of twelve and eighteen are responsible for most of the vandalism occurring in our cities and towns. Students,

angry with a teacher or what he feels an unfair disciplinary action directs that anger toward the school; thus a broken window or a blocked toilet. It is also somewhat of a status symbol for a student to damage as much property as possible without getting caught. This warped sense of values is costing you, the taxpayer, needless dollars and reinforcing the idea that as long as you don't get caught your not accountable for you actions.

It is time for all concerned, parents, teachers, administrators, and law enforcement agencies, to sit down and find a solution to this and other equally serious problems concerning the youth of Agawam.

## Parent Drug Seminar Scheduled

On Wednesday, March 14th, a Drug and Alcohol abuse seminar will be held at the Agawam High School beginning at 7 p.m. The seminar is geared to parent education on drug and alcohol abuse.

Heading up the seminar are SPAN Center, the Agawam Health Department, the Agawam Youth Center, the Agawam Police Department, the Agawam School Department, and the Town Manager, Peter Caputo. Caputo will act as moderator.

All interested and concerned parents are urged to attend. Speakers will be Morton Stein from the Drug Abuse Foundation of Pioneer Valley, Inc. and James Shea from the Alcoholism Outpatient Center.

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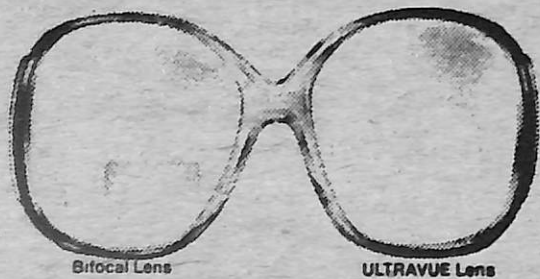
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# Sports

## Village Lounge Cagers Look To Contest With Polish Club

by Dan Maruszczak, Jr.

"I know we can beat them. It's all a matter of who scores the most points." Bill O'Brien, coach of Village Lounge reflected the spirit of his team as they come down the final stretch toward a hopeful division crown.

Village Lounge meets the 13-15 league's defending champion Polish Club squad this Sunday, and the contest may very well decide the victor of the 13-15 title.

"I think we have the best guard combination in the

league with Scott Consolini and Jimmy Wagner. They compliment each other very well," O'Brien quipped.

Although O'Brien has piloted his squad to a 5-2 record, two games remain in the season, and Polish Club is tied for first place with the Lounge.

"For us to beat them Sunday, we've got to stop Dave Vecchiarelli and Joey Maynard," O'Brien stated. "We've got to shut both of them down before they can do any damage."

In a recent contest, Village Lounge edged Associated Air Freight, 37-35, center Bobby Hitchcock high scorer for the contest. "It was a tight game, but it was also a well played game, for both us and them," O'Brien said.

Center Bobby Hitchcock, guards Scott Consolini and Jimmy Wagner, and forwards Billy O'Brien and Mike Jeannette comprise O'Brien's starting five, and he feels this quintet may be the key to a 13-15 division title.

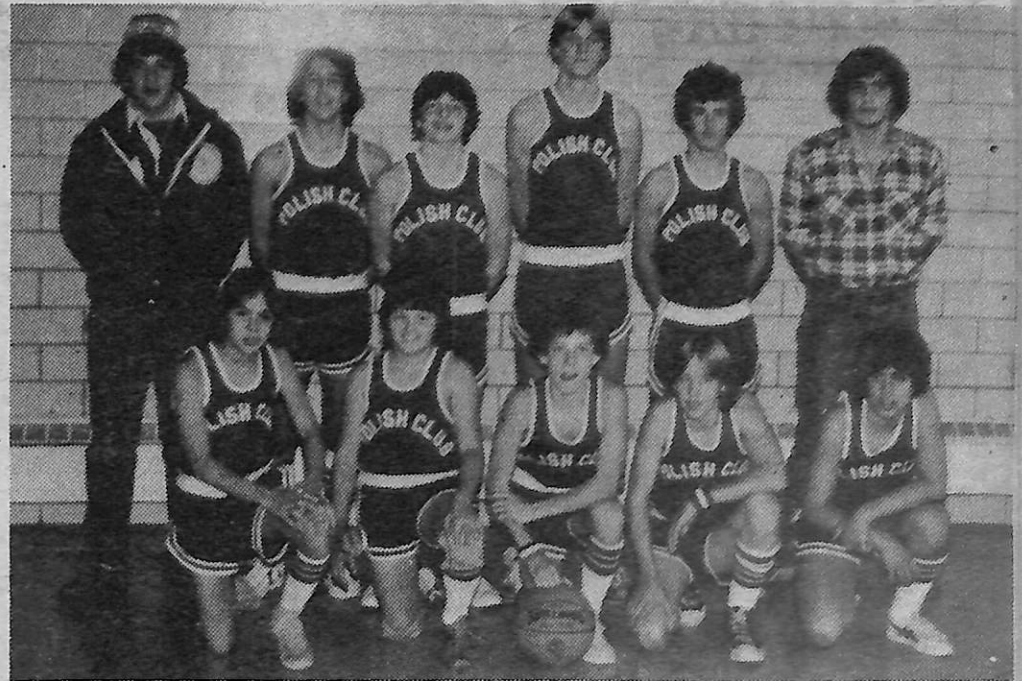
"These kids are young - most of them have never played 13-15 basketball and are new to the league - but they sure don't lack the enthusiasm we need. That's one thing our team isn't short on, and that's enthusiasm."

On the other side of the court, the defending champion Polish Club squad, once again coached by Phil Vecchiarelli, is back and looking for a remake of last season. Last season, the title was decided through a playoff series when a three way tie for first place resulted in the last game of the season. The three teams, Polish American Club, Texas Bar-B-Que, and Village Package Store, went through elimination which saw Village Package and the Polish Club squaring off for the division crown. In overtime, Polish Club emerged the victor, 32-30, and coach Vecchiarelli is hoping for an easier way to win this season.

"We're tied for first right now with Village Lounge, and I think we can win this game against them," Vecchiarelli stated.

Polish Club's key center, Rick Messinger, has missed the past few contests due to a knee injury, but Vecchiarelli expects him to be in action for this Sunday.

"I'm going to try to fit him into my game plans against Village Lounge, it really depends on how he feels,"



The 13-15 Agawam A.A. Polish American Club is pictured above with their coaches. From left to right, first row: R. Maltoni, T. Venturini, L. Chenevert, P. Rego, Casavant. Second row, same order: Coach D. Vecchiarelli, K. Maynard, D. Vecchiarelli, R. Messenger, B. Egan, and Manager P. Vecchiarelli.



The 13-15 Village Lounge team is pictured above. From left to right, first row: Doug May, Danny Giordano, Jimmy Wagner, Scott Consolini, and Jimmy Gutowski. Second row, same order: Jim Consolini, Billy O'Brien, Bobby Hitchcock, Mike Jeannette, David Stratton, and Coach Bill O'Brien.

Vecchiarelli said. "On the other hand, we have Joe Maynard and Dave Vecchiarelli who can each put points on the board."

As with O'Brien, Vecchiarelli sees his team as emerging the victor. "What can I say? Of course we're going to win," he continued.

## Blackhawks Back on Winning Trail

The 10-12A Blackhawks, coached by Ed Drewnowski got back on the winning trail this week with two league game victories. On Thursday night, in a game that was one of the most exciting played between these two teams all year, Agawam defeated Chicopee 3-2. The first goal was scored by Dean Liptak assisted by Bill Beauregard and Mike Santori. In the second period, Eric Blanchard scored from the blue line after receiving a fine pass from Joe Dussault and Kevin Mercadante. The tie breaker was scored by Peter Sibilia assisted by John O'Malley

and Paul Ferraro. David Liptak in goal made many fine saves, much to the dismay of Chicopee.

On Saturday, the Blackhawks sporting a brand new look, defeated Ludlow 3-1. Paul Ferraro scored first for Agawam assisted by John Spellacy and Jay Passerini. Dean Liptak scored in the second period with assistance from Dennis Drewnowski and Peter Sibilia. Kevin Mercadante scored once again for the Blackhawks third goal. He was assisted by Eric Blanchard and Joe Dussault.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

New Hampshire's depleted deer herd is taking a severe beating by roaming dogs. Deep snow and cold weather in the month of February restricted deer movement and drained their stored energy supplies, according to Fish and Game officials.

In Milan, Conservation Officer Robert Vashaw went into a deer yard to remove a dead deer that had been reported by a snowshoer. Dogs had had a field day! He found two more, and a further search of the yard was held with much apprehension. Thirteen dead deer carrying 14 fawns were discovered. A whole yard wiped out by household pets.

The problem is statewide. One day dogs drove a deer through the state office building complex in Concord, less than a mile from Fish and Game headquarters.

Meanwhile, when two of the dogs believed responsible for the Milan incident were captured roaming a large and returned to the owner (with a summons to court), she asked, "Why are you picking on me?"

While rabbit hunting recently in the Tolland area, my brother found two deer mutilated by dogs. Both were female and, most likely, bred. Assuming that they were carrying twins (most does in Mass. do), six deer were wasted. It does take long for a herd to go to pot with depredation such as this.



The winter has been most severe in the West. Thousands of deer, elk, and antelope populations have been hit heavily, but the months leading into spring are crucial.

Not all large companies are anti-gun or anti-hunting as the Gillette Blade company. The Anhauser-Busch Foundation donated \$100,000 to support massive emergency efforts now under way in Colorado and Wyoming to help prevent the further starvation of wildlife in those Rocky Mountain states.

Mr. August A. Busch III, a trustee of the foundation and chairman and chief executive officer of Anhauser-Busch, made the announcement that it is contributing \$70,000 to a special wildlife benefit fund administered by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and \$30,000 to a similar fund administered by the Wyoming Fish and Game Department.

The money will be used by the respective state agencies to purchase feed and for such other basic purposes as the rental of helicopters and the purchase of other equipment to transport feed to isolated, inaccessible mountain areas where animals are stranded.



## Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

It's not too early to be thinking about springtime activity among the birds. Although the ruby-throated hummingbird is still vacationing in Mexico and Central America, his winter sojourn will soon be drawing to a close, and he will be heading home.

The ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummer breeding east of the Mississippi. All hummingbirds are indigenous to the New World; none are to be found in Europe. They range in size from a tiny half inch to a large 8½ inches. The ruby-throated is average sized measuring in at 3½ inches.

It would be hard to mistake this little bird. There are two characteristics peculiar to the hummingbird. One is its ability to fly in reverse, and the other is its ability to hover in one position using its wings only.

The male is an iridescent green with a scarlet throat. Both male and female are white underneath, and where the male is red, the female is white.

The young resemble the female until about one year after hatching when the males assume the masculine plumage. The legs are

barely noticeable and hardly ever used. Hummers prefer to fly whenever possible. Since they can achieve speeds in excess of 55 mph, they are able to elude their enemies.

Their needle-like nose is familiar to all who know them. They use this impressive beak to feed on tubular flowers. They are able to insert the beak without getting pollen on their feathers. The female uses the beak to feed regurgitated matter to the young.

Hummingbirds mate in the spring after the male puts on a special aerial show for his intended. She sits on a perch while he displays a pendulum dance, swinging in a wide arc and dipping down.

After mating, the male does little but protect his territory, which he does fiercely. The female builds the nest of plant-down, lichen and binds it to a tree with spider webs and threads of saliva.

Two tiny, pure white eggs are laid in the cup-shaped nest and take 16 days to hatch. The fledglings then remain another 20 to 22 days. The female is able to accommodate two or three broods per season. Each little hummingbird has a potential life span of five years.

It is possible to attract hummingbirds to your garden by planting some of their favorite fauna. If you are starting annuals in your house, include some brightly colored petunias, morning glories, and salvia. Hummingbirds prefer red, but are also attracted to other bright colors. They like the tubular-shaped flowers into which they can insert their beaks and extract nectar and small insects and spiders.

You might also set out some tubes filled with sugar water. Honey is sometimes used, but may develop a fungus harmful to birds. Sugar water works just as well as is less messy.

Begin by boiling the water and sugar together in a mixture of four parts water to one part sugar. After you have attracted the birds, begin reducing the amount of sugar until the mixture is one part sugar to eight parts water. Too much sugar is harmful to the hummingbird, causing liver disorders, so do not exceed the four to one ratio. Wrap the tubes in red ribbon and you will soon have a following.

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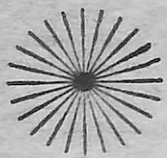
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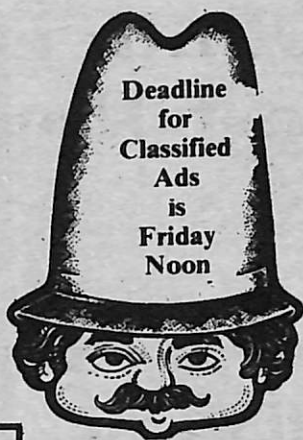
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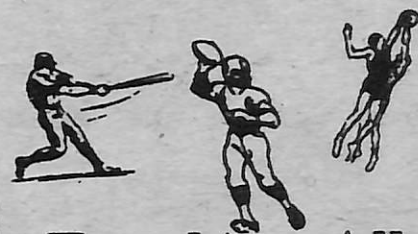
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Agawam's schoolboy hockey season has seen the last lamp lit for the year, and JV hockey mentor Jack Kunasek has come away with a winning season. In his premier season at the helm of the JV stickmen, Kunasek piloted the Brownie squad to a 10-9-2 mark. Leading the team's scoring parade for 1978-79 was Sean O'Connor, tallying 13 times, while adding 15 assists.

Kunasek, out of town last week, was unavailable for comment. On the other hand, his son, John, offered comments about this year's squad and the future varsity team. The younger Kunasek was one of three netminders on the Brownie team.

"We only actually had seven regulars on the JV, and we played the best we could," he noted. "The varsity should have some good players for next season."

John Tangredi, an Agawam native, was inducted into the Massachusetts Bowhunting Hall of Fame last Saturday night, at the West Springfield Fish & Game Club, Agawam. Also

enshrined was Noel Brown of Feeding Hills.

Tangredi is also a member of the National ABC Bowhunters Hall of Fame, of which only five other men across the country are members. Among his outstanding achievements in the world of bowhunting, Tangredi has shot coins out of the air by bow and arrow, compiled numerous "Robin Hoods" - in which the second arrow splits the shaft of the one that preceded it - and has bagged over 75 big game and 3000 small game animals.

"Of course it's quite an honor. But who I'm really happy for is Noel Brown. He really deserves recognition, he's a real sportsman," Tangredi said. "I have a lot of respect for him."

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Congratulations out to Agawam's Tuskin Raiders, who recently captured the Western Mass. 8-10 Squirt Division crown. The Raider icemen dropped West Springfield, 8-1, at Chicopee's Pioneer Valley Rink... Another fanfare due to Bill Ferguson, an Agawam native, of the MassConn Twins. Ferguson recently scored his 200th goal in his MassConn career. That's a lot of times to light the lamp... MassConn is presently 20-11-4 for a total of 44 points and looking forward to post-season play... Agawam's Steve Palmer was out and on defense last Friday night against Springfield, and he was the one who caught the ball. This coach Jeff Kravitz to make up for the loss of Jim Burns and Tony Poggia. Burns and Poggia are sidelined with injuries. Don't look now, but the season of the four-base diamond is just around the corner...

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March 30, 1979 Policeman's Country & Western Show Agawam High School	March 8, 1979 'Gala Tribute to Rep. Edward Connelly' Chez Josef 6:30 p.m.
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March 7, 1979 Coffee Hour w/ Dr. Cannava Phelps School 7:30 PM	March 11, 1979 Wrestling Booster Club Banquet Polish American Club 5 p.m.
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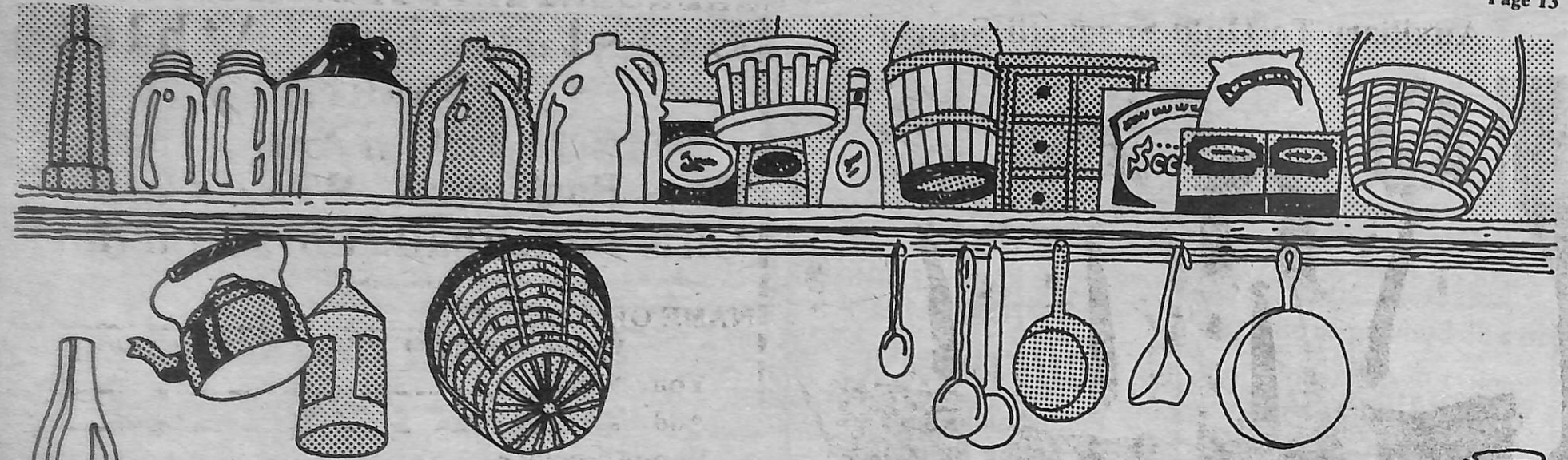
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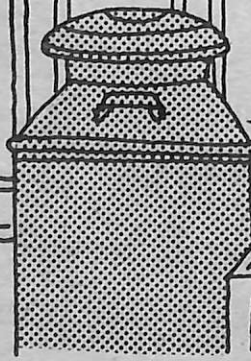
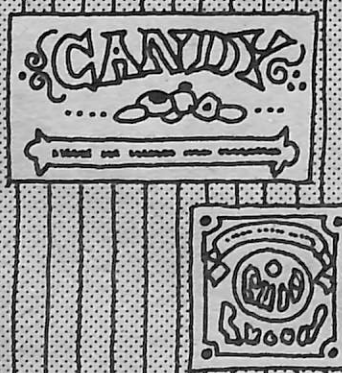
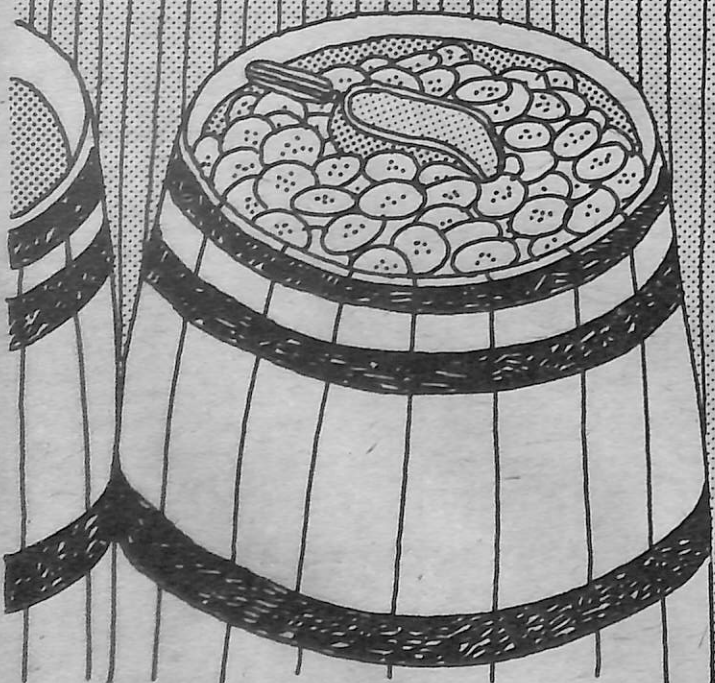
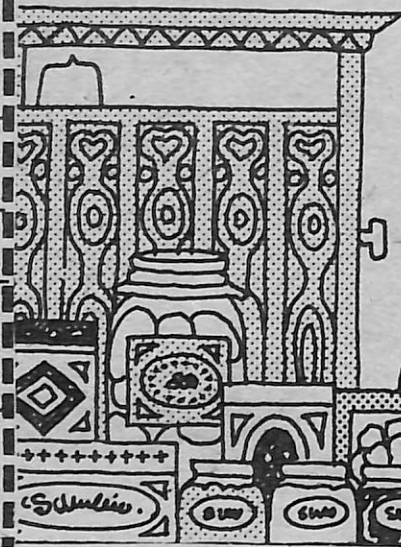
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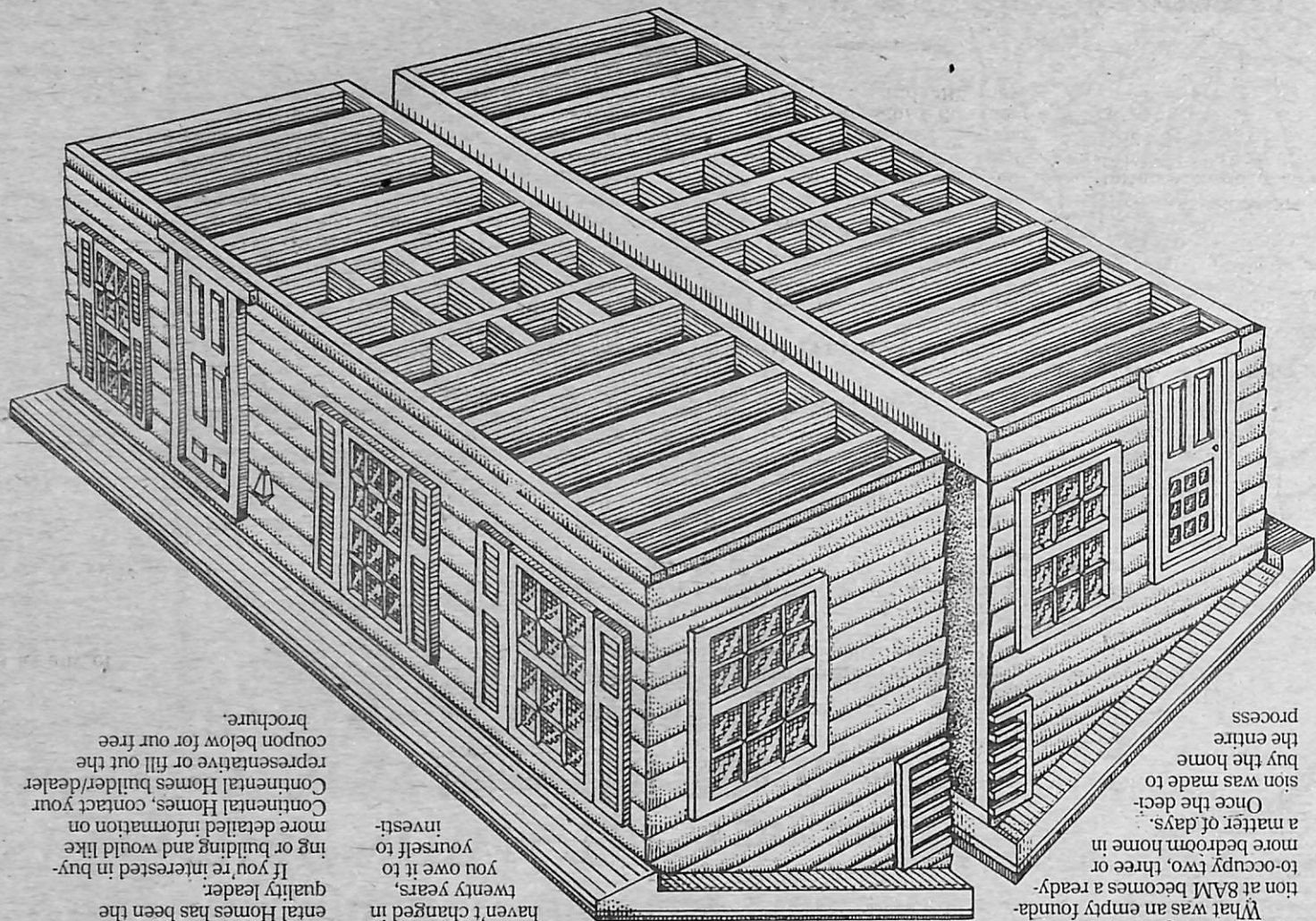
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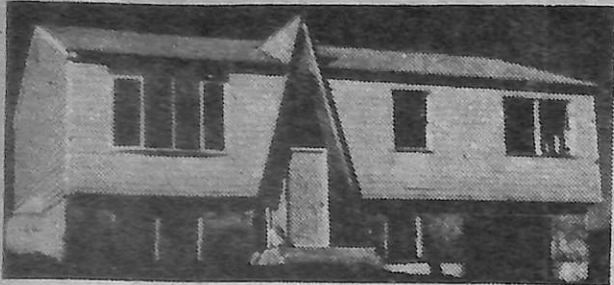
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## Women in Construction to Meet

The National Association of Women in Construction of Greater Springfield, Chapter 115, will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 13, at the Two Mattoon Street, corner of Chestnut and Mattoon Streets, Springfield. Prior to the social hour, there will be a board meeting at 6:15 p.m. The social hour will be at 6:30 with dinner to follow at 7:00. After dinner, the program will be "An Evening of Physical Fitness" with Elie Paddock. Please make reservations before March 6 with Miss Frances Pedulla, 341 Meadow Street, Agawam.



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## Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



This is probably the last week I will be talking about houseplants for a while. The days are getting longer, and indoor seeding time is fast approaching for our annuals, vegetables, herbs, and so on. Your houseplants should be showing signs of a healthy new growth. I know they are looking forward to spring as much as we humans.

I would like to share with you a Trouble Shooting Chart for your houseplants that is useful year-round. First I will list the causes of the trouble, and then I will list the symptoms and match them with the causes by number.

- CAUSES**
1. Overwatering or poor drainage
  2. Underwatering
  3. Excess light
  4. Insufficient light
  5. Over fertilized
  6. Under fertilized
  7. High temperatures
  8. Low temperatures
  9. Drafts
  10. Compacted soil
  11. Length of day
- SYMPTOMS**
- Leaves bend down and curl - 8  
Leaves turn yellow-green - 2,3,4,5,6,7,10  
Tips or margins turn brown - 1,2,5,6,9  
Leaves are spotted - 2,3,8  
Plant wilts - 1,2,3,5,7,9,10  
Oldest leaves drop - 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,10

All leaves drop - 1,2,5  
Growth thin, soft, weak - 1,4,6,7,10  
New leaves are small - 1,2,4,5,6,7,10  
No new growth - 1,2,5,8  
Flowers do not develop - 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11  
Bud drop - 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,11  
Flowers are smaller - 4,5,10  
Color less intense - 1,4,6,7,10  
Flowers decline too fast - 2,7,9

Now is a good time to take this chart and examine your indoor plants for any of these problems. Getting all your indoor plants in shape now can save you time and trouble later on when outdoors is really where you will want to be.

If you plant to let any of your houseplants enjoy some warmer fresh air with you, wait until well into May. You will shock the plant terribly if you set it outside to soak up some sunshine this time of year. I know it is tempting this time of year when we get a lovely sunny day, but don't be fooled into thinking your plant will enjoy it as much as you will. To the plant, the changes in air temperature is much greater, and the sun will fry its leaves in as little as one hour.

**NEXT WEEK:** seeding annuals and vegetables indoors; also, a little about seeding some herbs.  
**KEEP SMILING! JMC**

## Herb Workshop Slated

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a workshop for adults on herbs on Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Herbs in the Home workshop is led by herbalist Nancy Bennett. She will discuss what value herbs have for inside use, how to identify

them, and give a history of scent jars.

Participants will make their own potpourri jars to take home. All materials are provided by the Center.

The Herbs in the Home workshop is open to the public and a fee is charged. For pre-registration information, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.

## Home Show March 14-19

The widest array of individual exhibitors possible will participate in the 26th annual Western Mass. Home Show sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield which will be held in the Better Living Center, West Springfield, March 14-19.

Hours are March 14, 15, 19 - 5 to 10 p.m. and 1 to 10 p.m. on March 16-18.

Joseph R. Kakley, show chairman, said there are 70 different categories among close to 200 individual exhibitors in the Home Show, ranging from A (air conditioning) to U (utility trailers).

"Regardless of your needs in the home industry," Mr. Kakley said, "you'll be able to find it at the Home Show. Every exhibitor will concentrate on the show theme, 'It's Home Beautiful Time Again!' especially those involved in the do-it-yourself field."

"Our goal as representatives of the Home Builders industry is to provide everything under one roof. We've reached that goal. Show patrons will find themselves spending several hours at the Better Living Center. It will be impossible to spend a little time at the Home Show this year," Mr. Kakley concluded.

## HCC Seminar on Starting a Business

Because of oversubscription of the "How to Start Your Own Business" seminar currently running at Holyoke Community College, the seminar will be repeated beginning Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Those whose names are already on the waiting list from the present seminar will be given the first opportunity to attend the second seminar, and the remaining limited space will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The five-session seminar is designed especially for those who have never been self-employed and who are now considering starting their own business. Owners of newly-established businesses should

also find the seminar of interest and help.

The first session, dealing with planning a small business, will focus on what a business plan is and how to develop one and on the important market forces.

The second session, meeting Wednesday, March 14, will deal with legal considerations for small businesses and focus on how to register a small business with the Commonwealth and on the organizational forms of small businesses.

On Wednesday, March 28, the session will focus on financing, particularly on how to write a loan proposal and how and where to secure the money to start a business.

The fourth session, on

Students in junior and senior high schools throughout Western Massachusetts will be directly involved in the 26th annual Western Massachusetts Home Show March 14-19, in the Better Living Center at Exposition Park, West Springfield.

Fred C. Hallaman Jr., a past president of the sponsoring Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, has announced that students in grades 7 through 12 will be competing for prizes in a special Home Design Contest.

There will be three separate categories in home designing, according to Mr. Hallaman. They are single-family home, 1200 square feet and under; single-family home, 1200

square feet and over; and multiple-family dwellings which could include condominium, apartments, or duplex.

The winning designs will receive U.S. Savings Bonds valued at \$100, \$50, and \$25.

Mr. Hallaman and coordinator Allan O'Dell of the Springfield School Department said some of the student groups are designing models from plans they've obtained from members of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield.

All entries will be judged on drafting ability, originality, liveability, and aesthetics by a panel of architects, builders and engineers from Western Massachusetts.

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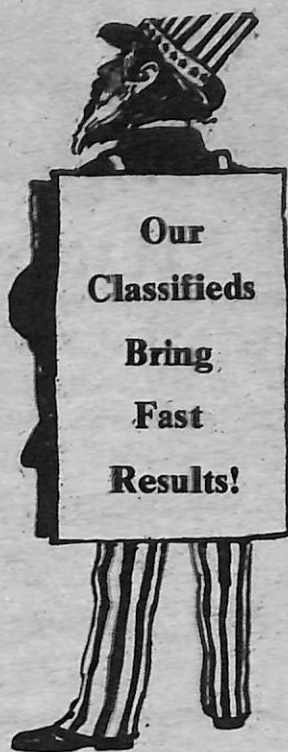
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